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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a  
(X) continuation application of:  
( ) divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application Serial No. 09/300,589 filed April 27, 1999

Title METHOD OF PERFORMING ARRAY-BASED HYBRIDIZATION ASSAYS USING THERMAL INKJET DEPOSITION OF SAMPLE FLUIDS

Name of applicant(s) Michael P. Caren and Kevin J. Luebke

Copy of Application

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
( ) Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
( ) Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- ( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

(X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a (X) continuation ( ) divisional

of copending application serial number 09/300,589 filed on April 27, 1999

Inventorship Statement

- ( ) Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- ( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record  
( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent shall not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

- (X) Address all future communications to: Direct telephone calls to:

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Other Amendments

- (X) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:

- ( ) Cancel the following claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

- (X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

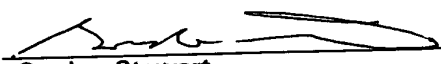
Fee Calculation

- (X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility ( ) Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	22 — 20	2	X \$18	\$ 36
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 — 3	2	X \$80	\$ 160
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$270	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design ( \$320.00 ); Utility ( \$710.00 )				\$ 710
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 906
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 906

Charge \$ 906 to Deposit Account 50-1078. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-1078 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael P. Caren et al.

By   
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